The Substitute

12" x 12" black cotton for background

WOOL

3 1/2" x 8 1/2" white for snow and beard

1 1/2" square of natural for mustache

2" x 2 3/4" tan for windows and nose

3/4" x 4 1/4" brick red for bricks on chimney

3/4" x 2 3/4" light blue for window trim

2 1/4" x 4 3/4" gold for moon and stars

3/4" x 3 1/2" brown for top of chimney

5" x 10" grey/brown mottled for roof

 $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 9" light green for house and stripes on the hat

 $2 \, 3/4$ " x $3 \, 1/4$ " red for hat and gloves

This is Block #3 of the Woolie Christmas Gnome Mystery Sew Along.

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10" finished block

Please read through the instructions before starting. I do not use a fusible so the templates are NOT reversed. I simply trace my shapes onto the paper side of freezer paper, iron to the designated wool and cut out on the drawn line. I then lay all my pieces out on the background according to the layout guide and staple or pin in place. All my stitching is done with two strands of floss in a whip stitch. Individual templates are provided as well as a layout guide that is exact size so you can trace from that as well.

- 1) Cut a background block to measure 10 ½" x 10 ½" from the black cotton. Seal the edges with Fray Block to prevent raveling and distortion.
- 2) Trace your shapes onto freezer paper and cut from the corresponding wool colors. If a piece is layered under something else such as the snow hanging from the roof, add a tiny bit more to allow it to tuck under.
- 3) Pin or staple to the background block and stitch all the pieces in place.
- 4) There is a bit of simple embroidery to add once the wool is stitched down. All embroidery is done with two strands of embroidery floss. The layout guide shows where the embroidery is stitched.
 - Snowflakes are stitched with white floss using a fly stitch. A French knot is added to the end of each line.
 - Shingles on the roof are stitched with dark taupe floss using a stem stitch.
 - Lines on the beard are stitched with white floss using a stem stitch.
 - Window sashing is stitched with blue floss using a stem stitch.
 - Rim of the hat is stitched with green floss in a running stitch.









